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SUBJ: WCIWY: TEXT OF DECLARATION US-UK-FRG DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

PASS TO: LABOR, HEW, USIA, AID, WHITE HOUSE - DPL

1. FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES WORKED OUT ON JUNE 25, BY US, UK, AND FRG DELEGATIONS AND SUBMITTED TO SECRETARIAT NOON SAME DAY. CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENT, HOWEVER, IS BEING HELD UP BY SECRETARIAT AT CO-SPONSORS' REQUEST PENDING SUBMISSION OF FINAL G-77 TEXT, WHICH STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THAT GROUP AND NOT EXPECTED TO BE READY UNTIL THURSDAY AT EARLIEST.

2. BEGIN TEXT: QUOTE 'CONSIDERING' THAT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH HUMAN DIGNITY AND WITH THE WELFARE OF THE FAMILY AND OF SOCIETY, PREVENTS WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION, ON EQUAL TERMS WITH MEN, IN THE POLITICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC
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AND CULTURAL LIFE OF THEIR COUNTRIES AND IS AN OBSTACLE TO THE FULL DEVELOPMENT OF THE POTENTIALITIES OF WOMEN IN THE

SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRIES AND OF HUMANITY, AS WELL AS
THEIR SELF-FULFILLMENT AS A HUMAN PERSON.

3. 'BEARING IN MIND' THE GREAT CONTRIBUTION MADE BY WOMEN
TO SOCIAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL LIFE AND THE
PART THEY PLAY ALONG WITH MEN IN THE FAMILY, PARTICULARLY
IN THE REARING OF CHILDREN,

4. CONVINCED THAT THE FULFILLMENT OF THE WORLD COMMITMENT
TO HUMAN RIGHTS, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE REQUIRES THE MAXIMUM
PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN AS WELL AS MEN,

5. 'CONSIDERING' THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE UNIVERSAL
RECOGNITION IN LAW AND IN FACT OF THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY
OF MEN AND WOMEN,

6. 'AWARE THAT' THE PRIME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF WOMEN WITHIN INTEGRATED NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LIES WITH
THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLES OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES,

7. 'CONSCIOUS THAT' ONLY THROUGH A SUSTAINED COMMITMENT TO
IMPROVING THE STANDARDS OF LIVING OF THE POOREST IN EACH
COMMUNITY CAN WOMEN, WHO CONSTITUTE A DISPROPORTIONATELY
HIGH NUMBER IN THIS GROUP, LIVE IN DIGNITY AND JUSTICE,
FREE FROM HUNGER AND POVERTY.

8. 'RECOGNIZING' NEVERTHELESS THAT CHANGES IN THE SOCIAL
AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURE OF SOCIETIES CANNOT OF THEMSELVES
ENSURE THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN OR
THEIR FULL INTEGRATION INTO THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL LIFE OF THEIR SOCIETY.

9. SOLEMNLY PROCLAIMS THIS DECLARATION

1. THE FULL AND COMPLETE DEVELOPMENT OF ANY COUNTRY
REQUIRES THE MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN AS WELL AS MEN
IN ALL FIELDS: THE UNDERUTILIZATION OF THE POTENTIALITIES
OF APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION IS A SERIOUS
OBSTACLE TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;

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2. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE HUMAN DIGNITY OF WOMEN THAT THEY
SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO, AND BENEFIT FROM, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT ON AN EQUAL BASIS WITH MEN SINCE DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST WOMEN AND THE UNEQUAL STATUS OF WOMEN, ARE INCOMPATIBLE
WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE WELFARE OF THE INDIVIDUAL;

3. A FULL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE VARIOUS ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND CULTURAL SECTORS IS AN IMPORTANT
INDICATION OF THE DYNAMIC PROGRESS OF PEOPLES AND THEIR

DEVELOPMENT;

4. EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION AT ALL LEVELS AND TO VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE AND TRAINING ARE KEY FACTORS IN ENABLING WOMEN TO WIDEN THEIR CHOICE OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES;

5. THE PRESENT BARRIERS AGAINST THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY BASED ON STEREOTYPED CONCEPTS OF THEIR ROLE MUST BE REMOVED SO THAT WOMEN HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AS MEN TO ENTER THE OCCUPATION OF THEIR CHOICE;

6. WOMEN SHOULD HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AS MEN FOR PROMOTION TO DECISION-MAKING POSITIONS WITHIN ALL SPHERES OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTIVITY;

7. THE WIDE GAP IN EARNINGS BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN MUST BE OVERCOME BOTH BY GREATER JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND BY EQUAL PAY FOR WORK OF EQUAL VALUE;

8. GOVERNMENTS, THE UNITED NATIONS, THEIR SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD SUPPORT PROJECTS DESIGNED TO REDUCE THE HEAVY BURDEN OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TO ENABLE THEM TO ENTER MORE PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES AT LEVELS COMMENSURATE WITH THEIR SKILLS AND INCREASING THEIR INCOME-EARNING OPPORTUNITIES;

9. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ENSURE THAT THROUGH APPROPRIATE MEASURES THE CHILD-BEARING CAPACITY OF WOMEN IS NOT USED EITHER TO LIMIT THEIR ROLE IN SOCIETY OR TO FORCE UPON THEM ALONE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILD-REARING;
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10. WOMEN AND MEN SHOULD JOINTLY SHARE RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS SOCIETY AND THE FAMILY WITH WOMEN BECOMING MORE INTENSIVELY INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THEIR COMMUNITIES AND WITH MEN PARTICIPATING MORE ACTIVELY AND RESPONSIBLY IN FAMILY LIFE;

11. WOMEN SHOULD ASSERT THEIR RIGHT TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIALITIES WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION AND PLAY THEIR PART IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AS EQUAL PARTNERS WITH MEN; IN ELEBORATING AND IMPLEMENTING THEIR NATIONAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES,GOVERNMENTS SHOULD TAKE WOMEN'S NEEDS AND RIGHTS FULLY INTO ACCOUNT AND MAKE ADEQUATE PROVISION TO IMPRTVE THEIR SITUATION AND INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS;

12. VLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN BY

ASSISTIG WOMEN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR OPPORTUNITIES,
BY EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY WORK IN WOMEN'S RIGHTS, AND
ADVISING GOVERNMENTS ON WOMEN'S AFFAIRS;

13 THE DISCRIMINATION FROM WHICH WOMEN SUFFER IS CLOSELY
LINKED WITH THE PROBLEM OF UNDERDEVELOPMENT WHICH EXISTS
AS A RESULT NOT ONLY OF INADEQUATE INTERNAL ECONOMIC
STRUCTURES BUT ALSO OF A WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM IN NEED
OF CHANGE;

14. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN ITS BILATERAL AND
MULTILATERAL COOPERATION PROGRAMMES HAS A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO ACCELERATE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS IN THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO IMPROVE STANDARDS OF
LIVING WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE SITUATION OF WOMEN;

15. WOMEN IN THOSE COUNTRIES CAPABLE OF ASSISTING OTHERS
SHOULD EXERCISE SOLIDARITY BY URGING THEIR RESPECTIVE
GOVERNMENTS TO SUPPORT ACTIONS INITIATED IN DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES AND DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION OF WOMEN;

16. IN THE FACE OF THIS SITUATION IT IS ESSENTIAL TO
MAKE REAL PROGRESS TOWARDS A MORE BALANCED AND EQUITABLE
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STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS BASED ON
EQUITY, SOVEREIGN
EQUALITY, INTERDEPENDENCE TO THE
COMMON INTEREST, COOPERATION BETWEEN ALL STATES
WHATEVER THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS, SHARED
RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND THE ADVANCE OF THE
SOCIETIES MAKING UP THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND
WOMEN WITHIN THOSE SOCIETIES;

17. THE OBJECTIVES CONSIDERED IN THIS DECLARATION CAN
ONLY BE ACHIEVED IN A WORLD IN WHICH THE RELATIONS BETWEEN
STATES ARE GOVERNED 'INTER ALIA' BY THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:
THE SOVEREIGN EQUALITY OF STATES, THE FREE SELF-DETERMINATION
OF PEOPLES, THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND
ALL FORMS OF IMPERIALISM, THE UNACCEPTABILITY OF ACQUISITION
OF TERRITORIES BY FORCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND THE
NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES,
IN THE SAME MANNER THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN HUMAN BEINGS
SHOULD BE GOVERNED BY THE SUPREME PRINCIPLE OF ABSOLUTE
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